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SUBJECT: UNSSOD PREPCOM V: MILITARY EXPENDITURES LIMITA-
TIONS

1. THE PROGRAM OF ACTION DRAFTING GROUP ON APRIL 11 AGAIN
CONSIDERED THE SECTION ON REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS
AND ARMED FORCES CONTAINED IN PARA 71-75 OF THE SECRETARIAT
PAPER DEVELOPED AT PREPCOM IV. AN INFORMAL UNDERSTANDING
WAS REACHED BETWEEN SWEDEN AND MEXICO TO DROP THE MEXICAN
TEXT IN PARA 74-75 IN FAVOR OF A MODIFIED VERSION OF THE
SWEDISH PROPOSAL IN PARA 73. THIS UNDERSTANDING FELL
APART, HOWEVER, AFTER THE SOVIETS REFUSED TO AGREE TO
EITHER FORMULATION AND INSISTED ON RETAINING BRACKETS
AROUND THE ENTIRE SECTION. WE EXPECT THAT THIS ENTIRE
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SECTION (73-75) WILL REMAIN IN BRACKETS UNTIL THE
SPECIAL SESSION. THE SWEDISH TEXT NOW INCLUDES A NEW
SUB-PARAGRAPH 4 WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS 34TH SESSION SHOULD CON-
SIDER ESTABLISHING A COMMITTEE WITH THE PARTICIPATION
OF THE MAJOR MILITARY STATES TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDA-

TIONS OF THE AD HOC PANEL."

2. SWEDISH DEL TOLD US THAT SWEDEN WOULD MAKE AN EFFORT
BEFORE THE SPECIAL SESSION TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT OF
VENEZUELA AND NIGERIA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UN PILOT STUDY.
US AND SWEDISH DELS AGREED TO REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT ON
THIS ISSUE AT THE SPECIAL SESSION. LEONARD UNQUOTE
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